

Chancery Court

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Thomas R. Frierson, II, Chancellor

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Chancery Court was established by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and has jurisdiction as a Court of Equity.

CHANCELLOR THOMAS R. FRIERSON, II, is the Chancellor for the Third Judicial District of Tennessee, which includes Hawkins, Hancock, Hamblen and Greene Counties.

Chancery Court hears such matters as suits for debts, contract disputes, workers compensation, boundary disputes, real estate matters, injunctions, adoptions, legitimations, divorce and custody cases, probate wills appoint executors/administrators of estates, appoints guardians/conservators upon necessitating circumstances, name changes, collect delinquent taxes, etc.

The Clerk and Master is appointed by the Chancellor…and is called Clerk because we file papers (lawsuits), issue process, maintain court records, and carry out the instructions of the Chancellor… and is called Master, because on occasion we sit as the court, hear and act on motions, and hear most probate matters. Also as Master, we are occasionally directed to hear proof for finding of facts in a case in order to save time for the Chancellor, who then applies the law to the facts as found. At times we are directed to make sales of real estate and/or personal property, distribute the proceeds to those entitled, make deeds, etc.

- Other responsibilities of the office are:
- Maintain the Chancellor’s trial docket on a current basis.
- File all cases in our court.
- Receipt and disburse monies on estates, judgments, child support, officer’s cost, delinquent taxes and court cost.

- Issue subpoena to testify.
- Record all minutes of the court.
- Prepare transcripts to the Court of Appeals.
- Issue certificates of adoption and divorce.
- Issue legal notices to local newspaper.
- Make monthly reports to the Supreme Court.
- Make monthly litigation tax reports to the county and state.
- Make monthly reports to Division of Vital Statistics.
- Make annual report to State of TN Unclaimed Property Division.
- Make annual financial report to the county, numerous other duties.

Questions & Answers:

Do you have local rules of Court?

Yes, they are currently being updated, and will be posted when completed.

When filing a lawsuit, how many copies should I send?

Original and one (1) copy per defendant; plus copy for your file with SASE if you wish to have one returned.

What is the cost for filing a lawsuit?

The filing fees are listed within this web site.

I need to speak to the Chancellor about my case, when is he going to be there?

The Chancellor will not listen to, or converse with, any party outside the courtroom concerning their litigation. You must consult your attorney for legal advice.

Do you have forms for filing Divorces? Contempt? Probating Wills? Appointing Executors/Administrators? Name changes? etc

No, you should contact your attorney, or if you choose to represent yourself, you must prepare your own documents (in accordance with the TCA) for filing with the court.

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